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Mr. Donald Thompson
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Huntington District
502 8th Street
Huntington, WV 25701

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The following Army Corps of Engineers sites in West Virginia and within the Huntington District are located within the gypsy moth Slow the Spread (STS) project area: Beech Fork Lake, Bluestone Lake, Burnsville Lake, East Lynn Lake, R.D. Bailey Lake, Summersville Lake and Sutton Lake. Starting in 1999, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture will be incorporating these Corps sites into the STS program.

Enclosed is a fact sheet describing the STS project. The STS trapping program is set up on a grid system consisting of the monitoring area (5 or 3 kilometer grid), the action area (2 kilometer grid) or the intensive area (500 meter grid). The 500 meter grids are used over small areas to delimit a known population.

As part of the STS project, personnel from the West Virginia Department of Agriculture will be deploying and maintaining any traps that are located (based on one of the grid systems) on these Corps site properties. Corps sites will no longer receive traps from our office. West Virginia Department of Agriculture personnel will be contacting each site regarding this change.

I'd like to thank you and personnel at each site for your past cooperation. For further information, feel free to contact John Omer, STS Coordinator, Morgantown Field Office, USDA Forest Service at (304) 285-1544 or Jan Hacker, West Virginia STS Coordinator with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture at (304) 558-2292.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen D. Felton".

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Enclosure

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